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LAUGHS

Reason Enough Teacher—Why did the Allies and Germans fight at Arras? Pupil—Because that's where they met.

Uneasy Conscience A jovial negro was arraigned in the county court, Brooklyn, on a minor charge.

Smith, asked the court, "did you ever commit a crime before?"

The negro pondered for a moment. "Well, yo' honah," he answered, slowly, "Ah can't exactly say, but Ah done got married one time."

To Be Sure A teacher in giving examples of the use of the hyphen, quoted the word "bird-cage" and then asked one of the scholars:

"Now, then, tell me why we put a hyphen in 'bird-cage'?"

"For the bird to sit on," was the unexpected reply.

Not Lionized Old Lay (compassionately)—Poor fellow! I suppose your blindness is incurable. Have you ever been treated?

Blind Man (sighing)—Yes, mum, but not often. 'Taint many as likes to be seen going into a public house with a blind beggar.

A Sure Claw "Have you collected that bill of Smith's?"

"Have I collected it. I called at the house and found that seven Smiths lived there. Six declared they owed nothing and the seventh kicked me out of the house."

"That's the one. Go back and get the money."

Two Systems The Serious Girl—I always work to be engaged at a higher salary than the year before.

The Frivolous Girl—And I always try to be engaged to a higher salary than the year before.—Judge.

A Difficult Trial "Yes," said the meek-looking man, "I've no doubt you've had some great hunting experiences in your travels abroad."

"I have, indeed."

"Buffalo hunting—"

"Yes."

"And bear hunting—"

"Of course."

"Well, you just come round and let my wife take you house hunting and bargain hunting with her. Then you'll begin to know what real excitement is."

Interminable "What do you think will be the end of the woman question?"

"There won't be any end; they'll always be asking 'em.'"

Another Question "The very idea! Haven't you got enough will power to make your husband do as you want him to do?"

"My will power is all right, but it's his own power that's causing all the trouble."

Abundant "Do you know that in some parts of the world fruit lays on the ground in abundance?"

"Huh! That's nothing. In Chicago fruit stands on the corners."

A STRONG ENDORSEMENT W. H. Holmes of the Desorah, Ia. Journal, says, "I have been a sufferer from piles and hemorrhoids for years. I got no relief until my druggist recommended Meritol Pile Remedy. Before I had taken half the package the distress was gone and I have had no trouble since. I would not take a thousand dollars and be back to my former condition." Haskins Drug Store, exclusive agency—Ady.

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PEACEABLE INTERVENTION

PRESIDENT WILSON'S note to the warring Mexican factions hinting at peaceable intervention to restore peace in Mexico is welcomed by all Americans and should be welcomed also by all Mexicans.

Armed intervention is objectionable to all except those who have concessions and interests in the southern republic, who hope to use the United States to protect their private property. Intervention in behalf of any faction is equally objectionable.

Anarchy rules Mexico. The great mass of people are starving, while the warring factions spread death and desolation. Those outside of the armies are praying for peace and a chance to make a living. Famine exists throughout the cities and many states.

Who should the Mexicans look to for friendly aid in restoring peace? Who can they look to except the United States, which, disavowing any hostile or sinister intent, offers aid in restoring order? No other nation can relieve their distress or lend a helping hand.

The land that fed the starving Belgians must also feed the starving Mexicans, and assist them to restore conditions which will enable them to feed themselves.

We still oppose an armed intervention, and we hope it will not be necessary, for we believe that the real patriots of Mexico will eagerly accept assistance in rescuing their land from anarchy.

Mexico offers a real "national opportunity" for a civilized nation. Instead of devastating a neighboring nation's land, slaughtering its inhabitants and annexing its territory, as is the aim of Europe's barbarous diplomacy, the United States can assist in its restoration.

In accepting and discharging without abuse such a responsibility, the Stars and Stripes will become, as it should, a hallowed symbol.

DEATH'S REAL HARVEST

IT is not unlikely that summer will do more to bring the way to an end than any one cause.

Millions of men have been slain. Many of the corpses still lie unburied. Those interred are in shallow graves. The poisonous gases generated by the decaying corpses will prove far more deadly than even the poisonous gases of the Germans.

The great battlefields—running for hundreds of miles on either front, will become breeders of worse epidemics and diseases than any miasmal swamps. The hundreds of miles of trenches, containing the living above the dead, will be uninhabitable—as fatal within during the hot summer months as they were deadly without during the cold winter season.

The invaders will find the land they have won over corpses as untenable as they made it during the advance for the retreating forces. Conquering hosts will in turn be conquered by their slain victims.

As is the case of every war in history, disease will, in spite of the progress of science, claim more victims than strife. As ten have been slain where one was in previous conflicts, the danger is ten-fold, for with the coming of hot weather death will begin his real harvest.

Our School Board

(By Dr. J. Lawrence Hill.) In a few days an election will take place to fill a vacancy on our school board and which will be of great moment to both teachers, scholars and parents. It is very strange that people are less interested in a school board election than in any other, and the responsibility of electing our school officers seems to be almost wholly relegated to the women voters.

Tourgee, in his splendid story, "The Uncrowned King," says, "They that will not take trouble to vote on any question should be disfranchised." I favor this suggestion. We seem to forget that our public schools play an important part in the intellectual, moral, political and religious development of our country, and it becomes us all to be more deeply interested in whatever pertains to them.

While my name has been suggested as a candidate for school director it was without my knowledge or consent. It would be impossible for me to serve even if elected. The person to be elected should be reminded that he is not to use his office, as has been done in many places, to further his own business interests, whether it be insurance, real estate or anything else. Teachers should be allowed to spend their money where and how they like without being made to feel that to be promoted or favored they must buy at, or do business through, any member of the school board.

Whenever pressure is brought to bear upon any teacher to do other than this that member, or members, should be recalled and exposed, if not summarily dealt with.

The boards should be free from bitterness, bias and impartiality. Teachers should be treated as humans, their work encouraged and promotion should be determined by merit and not by friendship, blood relationship, sectarianism, or politics. Any other course cripples the usefulness of any teacher and our schools suffer accordingly.

No person should aspire for this office whose heart is not in the work which he will be called upon to do, and who has neither the time nor disposition to make himself thoroughly and intelligently acquainted with our school system, the needs of our school, the progress of our scholars and the fitness of our teachers.

Schools, therefore, should be often visited. Teachers often interviewed and their work and methods carefully studied so that there may be perfect harmony and sympathy between teachers and the board. I know of no other way to get the very best out of both teachers and scholars.

While economy should be the aim of the board it should never be considered at the expense of adequate equipment in all departments, a higher standard of teaching, and the adopting of a system which would prove not only disastrous, but in the long run more expensive than the best possible opportunities for our children, so that they may go forth from our public schools a credit to our city and state. Our high school is very poorly equipped. It is to be hoped that the board will spare no time nor means in making improvements in this direction. The board should not be dominated by any one member, and nothing of vital interest should be disposed of without a full meeting of the board. Good teachers should be retained at any cost as it means much to our children.

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CAROLINE COE GIVES BEST RECIPE FOR CHERRY PIES



(By Caroline Coe.)

Cherries at last! Yes, Mrs. Housekeeper, here they are from California and New Jersey and Florida—at last! A little late because the good old summer time has been running behind its schedule, but never were cherries better in flavor and in size than they are this season.

There are many ways of using cherries, but I know of no better way to serve them to the family than in a rich pie crust. This is my favorite cherry pie recipe. If you have a better one send it to Caroline Coe. The Mail Tribune will be glad to publish it.

Cherry Pie Wash and stone enough cherries to make 2 cupfuls of cherries, put into bowl to keep all the juice; mix 1 1/2 cupfuls of sugar with 1 salt-spoon of salt and 1 1/2 teaspoonfuls of corn starch. Line a pie tin with rich pie crust and just when ready to bake mix the cherries and the sugar mixture and turn into the crust, dot the top of cherries with bits of butter—an even teaspoonful. Cover with top crust wetting edges of bottom crust before adding top one, pinch edges together and bake in a very quick oven 20 minutes.

After taking from oven sprinkle top crust with pulverized sugar and serve the pie while warm.

To make the pie crust put 3 cups of flour and 1 cup of shortening, half butter and half lard, add 1 even teaspoonful of salt and chop all together until it looks like coarse crumbs, make well in center of crumbs and add half cup of cold water, fold all together.

If all crumbs do not mix use them on the board as flour while rolling out the crust. Divide the dough into 3 parts, using each for one crust. Roll the crust thin and put the pie into hot oven as soon as made.

Cherry Recipes Here are more ways to use cherries and this "red berry" is especially good:

Sift 2 cups of flour with 1 even teaspoonful of salt and 3 level teaspoonfuls of baking powder; add 1 tablespoonful of butter and cut with knife till butter is mixed, add two-thirds cup of milk and beat for three minutes. Turn out on board, pat out to half-inch in thickness and spread with layer of stoned cherries; dredge with a little flour and sugar; roll up and pinch all edges together; wrap in pudding cloth and steam for one hour.

Serve with cherry sauce made from 1 cup of cherry juice, 1 cup of sugar, 1/2 cup of flour, pinch of salt and 1 tablespoonful of corn starch that has been blended in a little cold water; put all in double boiler and cook 15 minutes. Stir constantly

for first five minutes to avoid lumps. Serve warm.

Cherry Cocktail Stone ripe cherries, drain and set on ice. To each tablespoonful of cherries add 1 tablespoonful of fresh pineapple, cut in small pieces; add 1 tablespoonful of sugar, fill glasses and pour over the juice that is drained from the cherries. Serve ice cold.

Cherry Salad Stone large, ripe cherries and as the stones are removed fill space with filbert or pecan meat. Set on ice; when ready to serve add half as much diced celery as cherries and serve with French dressing.

Cherry Sherbet Wash and stone 1 quart of sour cherries. Boil 2 cups of sugar with 1 quart of water; when slightly cool add the cherries and stir thoroughly. Press through fruit sieve and freeze. If sweet cherries are used, 1 cup of sugar, juice of 1 lemon.

Wild Scenes in Jap Parliament TOKIO, June 8.—The attack of the opposition in the house of representatives today reached a stage which bordered on violence. The opposition was defeated, however, the house rejecting the resolution attacking the cabinet on the ground of interference with the recent general election.

The Sayukwai, or constitutional party, protested at a ruling of Saburo Shimada, president of the house. The members of this party rushed the speaker's chair and then left the chamber in a bed-breaking through the guards, whom M. Shimada ordered to close the doors.

The Kokumin, or popular party, remained in the chamber, but declined to vote. The commotion was started by the speech of an opposition member, who charged that the government interfered in the election of certain members of the house.

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